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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended). A lamp comprising a base, a shade and a coupler between the base and the shade removably securing the shade to the base ~~The lamp of claim 1~~ wherein the base includes a neck and the shade includes a lip adapted to sit in the neck, the coupler including a cup extending ~~a stem extending~~ through the lip and into the neck.

Claim 3 (original): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the base defines a threaded bore and the coupler includes a threaded screw for threadingly securing the coupler to the base.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 2 wherein the cup ~~the stem~~ of the coupler includes a circumferential cylindrical wall defining a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 4 wherein a ring surrounds the wall defining the cavity ~~the stem~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A coupler adapted to removably secure a hollow lamp shade to a lamp base, the coupler including a head portion for seating within the lamp shade and a cup adapted ~~a stem adapted~~ to extend between the shade and the base and unitary with the head portion.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the head portion includes a ring unitary with the cup ~~the stem~~ and adapted to abut against the interior of the shade.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein the cup ~~the stem~~ defines a cavity adapted to receive a candle.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): The coupler of claim 6 wherein ~~the cup the stem~~ includes a fastening member for threadingly securing the coupler to the lamp base.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A lamp comprising:  
a base including a neck defining an interior cavity;  
a shade seated over the neck and including a lower circumferential lip defining an opening in the shade; and

a ring seated against the interior of the lip and including a cup extending a stem ~~extending~~ through the opening defined in the shade and into the cavity defined in the neck, ~~the cup the stem~~ being releasably secured to the base for releasably securing the shade to the base.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 10 wherein the base defines a threaded bore and ~~the cup the stem~~ includes a screw threadingly releasably secured in the bore.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The lamp of claim 10 wherein the ~~stem~~ ~~defines a cup~~ is adapted to receive a candle and the ring surrounds a top circumferential edge of the cup.